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REMARKS

In response to the final rejection of the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006, Applicants are submitting this amendment.

The Examiner made objections to claims 1, 9 and 15, and rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons stated in the Office Action. In response to these objections and rejections, Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 13, 14 and 15 to cure the informalities and errors cited by the Examiner.

The Examiner has allowed claims 25 and 26.

The Examiner has made the following rejections:

- 1) claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Stabile (USPN 5,465,516);
- 2) claims 1, 2, 6-8, 16 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Smollar et al. (USPN 5,097,611);
- 3) claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smollar et al. (USPN 5,097,611) in view of Thompson (USPN 4,557,064);
- 4) claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smollar (USPN 5,097,611) in view of Woodman et al. (USPN 4,753,026); and
- 5) claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smollar et al.

The Examiner has stated that claim 24 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 24. Applicants have cancelled claim 24.

Applicants submit that the cited Stabile and Smollar patents do not anticipate amended claim 1, and that amended claim 1 is now patentable over all of the cited references. Furthermore, since it has been shown that claim 1 is now patentable over the cited references, Applicants submit that claims 2, 6-9, 11-16 and 21-23, which depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, are allowable as well.

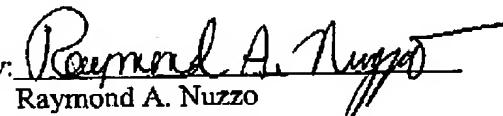
Applicants have amended claim 26 to insert the word "to" before "the product" (in line 33) and to insert the word "about" before "30° and 45° (in line 17)."

Therefore, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant is submitting herewith a Request for Extension of Time for one (1) month and the corresponding fee.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at 203-467-7895 for a telephone conference if the Examiner believes there are outstanding issues regarding this reissue application.

Respectfully submitted,

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